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SUBJ: ALLIED STATEMENTS ON REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN
REFS: A) BONN 6306; B) BONN 17329 (DEC 20, 1972)

1. FRENCH EMBASSY COUNSELOR CALLED AT DEPARTMENT TODAY TO EMPHASIZE FRENCH VIEW THAT THREE POWERS SHOULD MENTION, IN UN CONSIDERATION OF GERMAN ADMISSION, THAT ALLIES HAD AUTHORIZED THE FRG TO REPRESENT WEST BERLIN IN THE UN (REFTEL A, PARA. 3). COUNSELOR STRESSED HIS VIEW THAT SOVIETS HAD GIVEN NO REASON FOR US TO EXPECT THAT THEY WILL OBJECT TO FRG REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN. MOREOVER, FRENCH BELIEVE THAT ALLIED STATEMENT WOULD BE PREFERRED BY SOVIETS RATHER THAN HAVING UN INFORMED MERELY BY COMMUNICATION FROM FRG (SCHEEL LETTER) THAT BONN WOULD
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REPRESENT WEST BERLIN INTERESTS. FRENCH ARE CONCERNED THAT US APPEARS TO BE SUPPORTING GERMAN ATTEMPT TO ALTER AGREED SCENARIO.

2. DEPARTMENT OFFICER COMMENTED THAT WE OBVIOUSLY HAVE NO ASSURANCE THAT SOVIETS WILL NOT POSE OBJECTIONS TO FRG REPRESENTATION OF BERLIN AND THAT IT WOULD BE UNUSUAL FOR SOVIETS TO SIGNAL SUCH OBJECTIONS PRIOR TO BREZHNEV VISIT TO BONN. HE ADDED THAT IN CONSIDERING THIS PARTICULAR MATTER WE HAVE TO GIVE DUE WEIGHT TO GERMAN

SENSITIVITY ABOUT SOVEREIGNTY. DEPARTMENT OFFICER PROMISED THAT WE WOULD ALSO STUDY FRENCH VIEWS.

3. DEPARTMENT WILL REVIEW THIS ISSUE EARLY NEXT WEEK AND INFORM EMBASSY. ROGERS

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